

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 September 65 07/0050Z | 2. LOCATION Leon, New York |
| 3. SOURCE Civilian | 10. CONCLUSION A/C (REFUELING OPERATION) ✓ 8TH AF B-47 refueling from KC-135 at 16,000 ft in SPEEDWAY area at 0110Z (20 minutes after time of report). A/C enroute to area from New England would be over New York-Ohito at time of report. |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Six | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS WX included mist beginning to form in valleys. High thin clouds. MOON 2-3 days past 1st quarter. Three brilliant objects brighter than VENUS in SSE at 40 deg elevation. Changed direction and went to South increasing in speed. Visible far to South beyond trees. Believed objects to be single lighted objects. Direction of flight was to the SW. |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported | |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual | |
| 7. COURSE SW | |
| 8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |

6 Sep 65

February 18, 1966

Mrs. Hunt/sh/SAFOICC/72842/18 Feb 66

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is in reply to your letter regarding an aerial object which you observed and were unable to identify on the night of September 6, 1965.

The description of multiple lights is similar to an observation of an aircraft refueling operation. Information received from the Eighth Air Force indicates that a B-47 and a KC-135 were enroute from the New England area to the "speedway" refueling area near central Indiana. Since these aircraft entered the refueling area approximately twenty minutes after the time of your sighting, it is possible that they were over western New York at the precise time of your sighting.

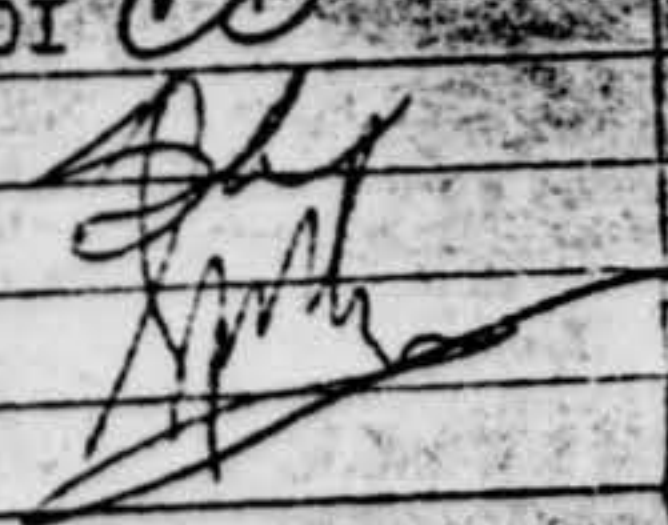
The weather on that night included a mist or ground fog and high thin clouds. This weather condition adds to visual distortion of moving lights. Since you did not include the duration of the sighting or the time motion sequence of the six lights to each other, we cannot positively identify the sighting as a refueling operation. However, the description that you gave is similar to other reports of this nature.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Room, New York

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW/UFO

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting 6 Sep 65

NOV 4 1965

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

1. We have received a letter from Mr [REDACTED] regarding an observation on the night of 6 Sep 1965. The following information is provided to assist you in a reply.
2. The description of multiple lights is similar to an observation of an aircraft refueling operation. Information received from the 8th Air Force indicates that a B-47 and KC-135 were enroute from the New England area to the "speedway" refueling area near central Indiana. These aircraft entered that area approximately twenty minutes after the time of Mr [REDACTED]'s sighting. It is possible that they were over western New York at the time of the report. The duration of the sighting was not included and a time motion sequence showing the relationship of the six lights to each other was not included in his letter. The weather included a mist or ground fog and high thin clouds. This weather condition adds to visual distortion of moving lights. It is not possible to positively attribute the sighting to the refueling operation on the limited data presented. However, the description is similar to reports of known refueling operations. It is suggested that this explanation along with a Form 164 be sent to Mr [REDACTED] with a request that he complete the form should he feel that this is not a plausible cause for his observation.

FOR THE COMMANDER



ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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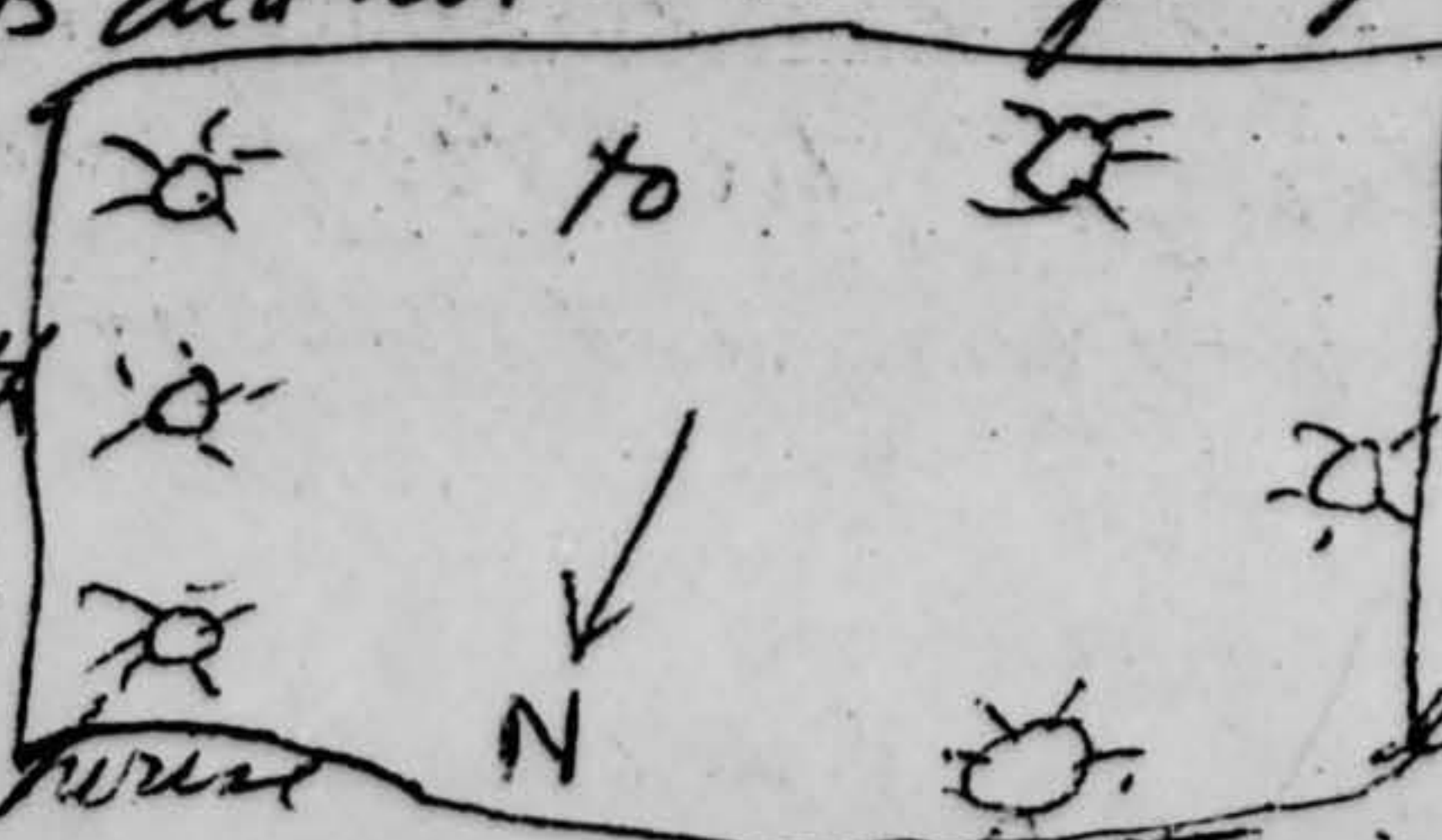
[H.C. REFUEL - O.P.C.]

Dear Sir:

I wish to record for your information a phenomena which was observed by a number of individuals last evening.

I live in a comparatively isolated area of Cattaraugus County. There is a farm road which runs North & South thru my property. Yesterday being Labor Day a number of guests arrived. We have several saddle horses and a small jog cart pulled by one of the horses. We were giving our guests a chance to ride and drive behind a horse and I was leading on one of the saddle horses. We would go up the road for about a half mile return and take another load. I have a few statistics and a description of what was observed.

Date: Sept 6, 1965. Time 8:50 PM. Wind - Calm, slight ground mist beginning to form in the valleys. There was a high relatively thin cloud formation which occurs as the heavy cumulus break up after sun down. A moon about 2 or 3 days past 1st quarter, shone weakly thru the cloud formation. We were traveling South on the road on a return trip when suddenly I observed 3 brilliant objects in the sky, much brighter than the planet Venus, one above the other in about a SSE direction and about a 40° elevation from where I was. I called back to the east, "What do you make out up ahead." The objects did not move very rapidly but gradually changed position to south. They then changed direction to south. As I approached the house they then changed direction to south. They increased speed and disappeared back of the tree tops. As everyone was out in front chattering and advancing theories. One of the men had sighted these objects and called everyone from the house. They were still dimly visible far to the South West and would appear



and disappear as natural objects shut off our vision from time to time. While observing their actions I listened carefully and could hear distant rumbling but could not say if this ~~came~~ from the objects or a truck on some distant road, tho this was unlikely because of the time and day - Labor Day.

We tried to explain the phenomena. At first I thought it might be the new "brilliantly lighted" aircraft which caused such a stir in the West. However, these were single lighted objects. I thought at first a plane had exploded and the other were burning and falling pieces, they were so brilliant, but they hovered only momentarily and then moved with purpose and direction first south and then south westerly. This was something definitely different from anything I had ever seen. It was corroborated by the two individuals behind me both as to form and substance and independently observed by 4-5 other individuals at the house before we returned with our descriptions.

We heard about a week ago that some UFO was seen near a village about 8 miles from here and that the sheriff had been called and also saw the object in question. This however is only hearsay.

What we have seen may be a perfectly natural phenomena. There were no fireworks in the vicinity to our knowledge, besides they were visible much too long. I do not know of any balloons with attached flares. The objects were too brilliant, they burned, or were visible too long a time, they were too far apart, they shifted position and were capable of rising and lowering and rapid forward movement on an almost completely calm day. I cannot say however as to conditions of winds aloft. Our prevailing winds are westerly or southwesterly and these traveled south westerly. If there is an explanation for what we have observed please tell us.

Yours very truly
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